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Plan for Cooperative Action Involving State Employment Security Agencies,  
United States Employment Service, and the Extension Service Farm  
Labor Program for Handling Displaced War Workers and Veterans

THE PROBLEM

An important aspect of reconversion following the ending of the war is the getting of workers who have been making war materials and the returning veterans back into useful peacetime jobs. Unemployed workers who are claimants for unemployment compensation benefits or veterans readjustment allowances are expected to be available for work as a condition for receiving payments. Displaced war workers and veterans should have an opportunity to accept, in accordance with their qualifications and past experience, both agricultural and nonagricultural jobs that may be available.

The United States Employment Service registers unemployed workers and veterans who are claimants for unemployment compensation benefits or readjustment allowances in accordance with arrangements made with State Employment Security Agencies. Placement opportunities for such workers in agriculture are not adequately known to the United States Employment Service. This is because Public Law 229, 78th Congress, as supplemented, makes the Extension Service of the Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural colleges rather than the United States Employment Service responsible for the placement of agricultural workers.

The Extension Service farm labor program is, of course, anxious to replace the unusual workers who withdraw from the labor force--aged men, women, and youth--and the imported foreign workers and the prisoners of war, all of whom have been a part of the farm work force during the war emergency, with experienced agricultural workers released from war plants and the armed services just as rapidly as such workers become available.

SOLUTION

A suitable arrangement needs to be made whereby displaced war workers and veterans with agricultural experience will be channeled from the local United States Employment Service office to the county farm labor office of the Extension Service for placement when agricultural jobs exist.

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RECOMMENDED PLAN OF ACTION

Because of variations in State unemployment compensation laws, as well as differences in farm labor requirements of States, it will be desirable that the cooperative plan of action for a given State be that which seems most practical to the State directors of the Employment Security Agency, the United States Employment Service, and the Agricultural Extension Service. It is desirable that, if satisfactory arrangements do not already exist, they be completed as soon as possible. To facilitate this, the State War Manpower Director is being requested to contact immediately the State director of extension and the State administrator of the employment security agency, and arrange for a conference of representatives of the three agencies to consider the matter.

The following operational plan is offered as a general guide.

1. The local U.S.E.S. office responsible for the registration of displaced workers and veterans will contact the county extension farm labor office or sub-office from time to time to learn of job openings for experienced agricultural workers. Displaced workers and veterans possessing suitable qualifications will then be referred by the U.S.E.S. office to the extension farm labor office for placement. Where the extension farm labor office is in need of large numbers of additional workers to fill orders for seasonal and harvest hands, that information should be relayed to the U.S.E.S. office to ascertain if unemployed nonagricultural workers might be available for farm employment.
2. In the cases of such persons referred by the U.S.E.S. office, it will be necessary for the extension farm labor office to report back on the referral card or otherwise to the U.S.E.S. office acceptance or refusal to accept a specific farm job since this information may have a direct bearing upon clearance of benefit claims.
3. In handling referrals of applicants for unemployment compensation and veterans' benefits, it is important that they receive the same consideration for job openings in agriculture as other workers with similar qualifications seeking agricultural employment.
4. Nothing in the cooperative arrangement entered into at the State level should imply a transfer of responsibility for handling unemployment compensation and veterans' allowance to the Extension Service farm labor program. Neither should there be any suggestion that the State extension service farm labor activities are in any way being supervised by the War Manpower Commission or the Employment Security Agency.

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